

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims

1. (Previously Presented) A method for controlling a television signal receiver having an emergency alert function with an associated setup process, said setup process comprising:

receiving an input representing a geographical area; and

providing a predetermined output when a distance between a reference point and a predetermined point associated with said geographical area exceeds a predetermined distance;

wherein said reference point corresponds to a location of a transmitter which transmits emergency alert signals, and

wherein said predetermined distance corresponds to a transmission range of said transmitter.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said geographical area is represented by a FIPS location code.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said reference point is a point associated with another geographical area.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein said reference point is a center point of said other geographical area.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said predetermined point associated with said geographical area is a center point of said geographical area.

8. (Previously Presented) A television signal receiver having an emergency alert function, comprising:

a memory operative to store data associated with said emergency alert function; and

a processor operative to receive an input representing a geographical area, and to enable a predetermined output responsive to said input using said data in said memory when a distance between a reference point and a point associated with said geographical area exceeds a predetermined distance;

wherein said reference point corresponds to a location of a transmitter which transmits emergency alert signals, and

wherein said predetermined distance corresponds to a transmission range of said transmitter.

9. (Previously Presented) The television signal receiver of claim 8, wherein said geographical area is represented by a FIPS location code.

10. (Previously Presented) The television signal receiver of claim 8, wherein said reference point is a point associated with another geographical area.

11. (Previously Presented) The television signal receiver of claim 10, wherein said reference point is a center point of said other geographical area.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) The television signal receiver of claim 8, wherein said predetermined point associated with said geographical area is a center point of said geographical area.

15. (Previously Presented) A television signal receiver having an emergency alert function, comprising:

memory means for storing data associated with said emergency alert function; and

processing means for receiving an input representing a geographical area, and enabling a predetermined output responsive to said input using said data in said memory means when a distance between a reference point and a point associated with said geographical area exceeds a predetermined distance;

wherein said reference point corresponds to a location of a transmitter which transmits emergency alert signals, and

wherein said predetermined distance corresponds to a transmission range of said transmitter.

16. (Previously Presented) The television signal receiver of claim 15, wherein said geographical area is represented by a FIPS location code.

17. (Previously Presented) The television signal receiver of claim 15, wherein said reference point is a point associated with another geographical area.

18. (Previously Presented) The television signal receiver of claim 17, wherein said reference point is a center point of said other geographical area.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously Presented) The television signal receiver of claim 15, wherein said predetermined point associated with said geographical area is a center point of said geographical area.